THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had an informal breakfast meeting with some media experts on 22nd February, 1988 to discuss the role of television. The meeting was meant for an exchange of views. There was no question of any decision being taken.

Appointment of Chairman of Technology Mission on Dairying

3015. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE *be pleased to state:*

(a) whether present officiating non-official Chairman of the Technology Mission on dairying has been continuously in total independent command of NDDB since 1964 and Op. Flood Projects since 1970;

(b) whether data for milk production and animal productivity in Op. Flood Districts, specially Kaira District where NDDB and parent organisation of the Chairman at (a) above are located, has been evaluated and if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether the Chairman at (a) above has proposed his appointment by name from 1988—2000 as Chairman of the Technology Mission;

(d) whether pending indepth evaluation at (b) above and appointment of Chairman and Directors under new NDDB Act, the decision on Technology Mission, ill conceived proposal will be deferred; and

(e) whether the States have been consulted regarding Mission proposal since Dairying is a State subject under the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Chairman of NDDB is the Chairman of this institution since 1965. His tenure has been extended from time to time. He has been overseeing the Operation Flood Project since 1970.

(b) Milk production data exclusively for Operation Flood districts is not available. However, milk production in the country as a whole has progressively increased from 31.6 million tonnes in 1980-81 to 46.3 million tonnes (provisional) in 1987-88.

(c) The appointment of Dr. V Kurian, as Chairman of the Technology Mission for Dairy Development in his individual capacity has been approved by the Government in view of his vast experience in the field of dairying.

(d) It has been decided to establish the Technology Mission for Dairy Development.

(e) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held with 13 major milk producing States on 29th June, 1988 in New Delhi to discuss various aspects of the Technology Mission for Dairy Development. The meeting was attended by State Ministers of Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation, the Secretaries of these Departments, Chairmen and Managing Directors of the State Dairy Cooperative Federations.

Use of non-conventional sources of energy for Technology Mission on Dairying

3016 DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether item 3.9 of Technology Mission on Dairying provides for use of solar, wind energy and biogas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Technology Mission for Dairying covers all equipment for transfer of Technology which is yet to be specified; and

(c) whether the Mission is likely to be involved for purchase, transfer of technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Technology Mission for Dairy Development contemplates continuance of trials leading to development of rural chilling systems with the use of solar, biogas and wind energy.

(b) and (c) The Mission proposes to arrange, wherever it is considered necessary and desirable, for the transfer of technology related to various aspects of dairying (from collection, transportation to processing and marketing) on a cooperative to cooperative basis from developed countries.

Food scarcity challenge

3017. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nutritional and food scarcity poses serious challenges for 2001 AD as per former D.G., ICAR, DR. M.S. Swaminathan as reported in Business Standard of 12th July, 1988 and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether animal population is likely to reach a figure of 500 million by 2001 AD largely due to failure to improve productivity of milk despite investment of over Rs. 1000 crores under Dairy Projects; and

(c) whether Control of Animal Population is proposed to new Technology Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) To avert the serious nutritional and food scarcity, various developmental programmes to augment food production, at different levels are being implemented through various Five Year Plans.

(b) Animal population may likely to reach a figure of 500 million of all domesticated animals including avines, pack animals etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Maintenance of the Municipal Approach Road in East Friends Colony

3018. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the last carpeting or surfacing of the Municipal Approach Road to DDA, MIG Flats, A-Block East, Friends Colony the link Road between Mathura Road to Western Avenue of Maharani Bagh was done;

(b) whether it is a fact that no footpaths were constructed on this Link Road by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(c) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct the Municipal Corporation to construct footpath of this road which is now in a bad condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Carpeting on approach road to Maharani Bagh from Mathura Road passing through A-Block East Friends Colony was done about five years back.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Footpaths are not required on this Approach Road, M.C.D. has, however, a proposal to provide dry brick pavement on both sides of this road from Mathura Road to Maharani Bagh.

(d) The condition of this road is satisfactory.